

## Human Trafficking Awareness Month

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### Human Trafficking Statistics In San Diego County

Sex trafficking is San Diego's 2<sup>nd</sup> largest underground economy after drug trafficking accounting for an estimated \$810 million in annual revenue.

Each year there are an estimated 5,000 sex trafficking victims in San Diego County.

The average age of entry is 16.1 years old for juvenile sex trafficked victims.

Among victims of juvenile sex trafficking, 55% self-reported that they were homeless and **28% reported that they had been in foster care.**

To read more about the USD/  
PLNU Study

[https://www.sandiego.gov/  
GangAndSexTrafficking](https://www.sandiego.gov/GangAndSexTrafficking)



The City of San Diego declared January 2017 as **Human Trafficking Awareness Month**. I was honored to be joined by the Mayor, the City Attorney and Councilmembers Bry, Cole and Gomez to bring attention to this very important issue. Additionally Chief Shelley Zimmerman, members of the Regional Human Trafficking Task Force, City Staff and service providers attended.

Many do not understand that human trafficking is happening within our county border. My focus is juvenile sex trafficking in San Diego and the victims are some of San Diego's most vulnerable teenagers. This is very real and serious and a USD/PLNU study showed that recruitment was occurring at all twenty of the high schools campuses in the study. The most vulnerable victims are foster children. Please read more about San Diego's growing problem and help raise the awareness about Human Trafficking in San Diego County. Visit [www.sandiego.gov/humantrafficking](http://www.sandiego.gov/humantrafficking) For Help text BeFree (233733) to be connected with local authorities.

# PROTECTING OUR COASTLINE FROM OFF-SHORE OIL DRILLING



Taking part in the event pictured left: Pauline Martinson ED of I Love a Clean San Diego, Matt O'Malley ED of San Diego Coastkeepers, Zachary Plopper - Wildcoast, Jim Peugh - San Diego Audubon Society, Cliff Kapon, PhD Candidate/Professional Surfer.



Councilmember Lorie Zapf and Councilmember Barbara Bry urged former President Obama to use his Authority under Section 12(a) of the 1953 Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to permanently withdraw federal waters off the coast of San Diego from offshore oil and gas leasing to guarantee that future oil and gas drilling in these waters is prohibited. Stressing the importance of protecting our coastline is important for future generations. Over one thousand San Diegans and community advocates signed our letter helping ensure the protection of our coastline. The effort will continue under the new administration. To sign the new letter please go to [www.ipetitions.com/petition/no-coastal-drilling](http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/no-coastal-drilling)

## SAN DIEGO RIVER PARK FOUNDATION KAYAK CLEANUP



The Ninth Annual Kayak Cleanup hosted by the San Diego River Foundation was a phenomenal success! Thanks to 150 volunteers, over 2,100 lbs of trash was removed from the river. There is plenty of work to be done! To get involved call **(619) 297-7380** or visit <http://sandiegoriver.org>





# SAFER CROSSING FOR SILVER GATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



A new flashing crosswalk was installed at the intersection of Catalina Boulevard and Orchard Avenue behind Silver Gate Elementary School in Point Loma. Improvements like these make walking to school safer for school children and residents. Thank you to all of the community leaders who advocated for the completion of this project.

## THE HISTORIC PLUNGE GROUNDBREAKING



Photo above : MBTC President -Gary Wonacot, Mission Beach Women's Club President—Phylcia Cicalo-Aiken, Councilmember Zapf, Dario De Luca and Mayor Kevin Faulconer.

Hundreds attended the official groundbreaking led by Mayor Faulconer and Councilmember Zapf marking the beginning of construction of the new Plunge



Swimming Pool in Mission Beach. The Plunge was constructed in 1925 by John D. Spreckels as the centerpiece of Belmont Park and was the largest salt-water pool in the world holding 400,000 gallons of water. After Mr. Spreckels passed away, his company generously donated Belmont Park and the Plunge to the City of San Diego.



# OUT AND ABOUT WITH Councilmember Lorie Zapf



Photo Above: Peter Liem Pham, Hien Pham, Abraham Hung, Linda Chau, Noli Zosa, Tami Nguyen, Thien Kim Cao, Hung Minh Nguyen with Councilmember Zapf.

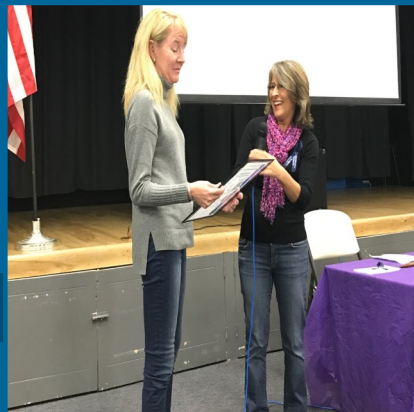


Over 100 attended and celebrated the Vietnamese New Year at the Linda Vista Bayside Community Center. Authentic Vietnamese cuisine was served with many performances by talented musicians, the Lion Dance and a martial-arts demonstration.

The **Clairemont Women's Club** held its annual Outback Steakhouse Luncheon to raise money for their Clairemont and Madison High School Scholarship Funds. Councilmember Zapf and her staff had a great time meeting members and supporters of the Clairemont Women's Club.



## CATHIE JOLLEY HONORED



It was an honor presenting a Proclamation to Cathie Jolley for her service and dedication as Chair of the Pacific Beach Town Council. Cathie has been a tireless advocate for Pacific Beach and has worked selflessly toward improving the

quality of life for all residing in Pacific Beach. It has been an absolute pleasure working with Cathie to enhance and beautify the community. Thank you for all your hard work!

## Farmers Market returns to Clairemont!



Councilmember Zapf with local succulent vendor

Councilmember Zapf presented a certificate to owner Brian Beevers in celebration of the Clairemont Farmer's Market Grand Opening. The Grand Opening was a tremendous success! The Farmer's Market is open from 3pm-7pm every Thursday at 3015 Clairemont Drive.

## Point Loma Junior Pee Wee Pointers Day



We celebrated the "Point Loma Junior Pee Wee Pointers Day" in the City of San Diego! The Pointers had a perfect 16-0 season and



a 24-13 victory to win the Division II National Championship at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Center in Florida! Happy to say that these kids are from all over District 2 including Point Loma, Pacific Beach and Bay Ho. Congratulations!